



I Know an Old Woman

Buzz and Bark, Moo and Meow: Have some vocal play fun by making insect and animal sounds! While listening to “There Was an Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly,” encourage your child to join in with the following sounds when each of the animals in the song is mentioned.

Fly	<i>Buzz</i>
Spider	<i>Giggle</i>
Bird	<i>Caw</i>
Cat	<i>Meow</i>
Dog	<i>Bark</i>
Goat	<i>Bleat</i>
Cow	<i>Moo</i>
Horse	<i>Neigh</i>

As If Having Fun Isn’t Enough: Vocal play is an essential part of early language development. By imitating the sounds of the insects and animals mentioned in “There Was an Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly,” your child is not only making cognitive connections between the names of the animals and the sounds they make, he is also utilizing his expressive language skills. He’s having fun using a variety of phonemes (the building blocks of language) to reproduce all the sounds vocally.

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